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MASAHIDE OGAWA

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Application No.: 10/092,722

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SERVICE IN VIRTUAL MALL AND PROGRAM THEREOF

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English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

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